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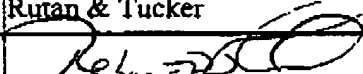
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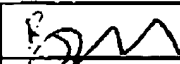
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### **Amendments to the Drawings**

The drawings were objected to pursuant to 37 CFR 1.83 (a) for not showing pneumatic fingers. The applicant respectfully disagrees with this objections as pneumatic fingers are shown in Fig. 6 as numeral 650 and referred to in the description of Fig. 6.